which jettison his mind out of the present, is a terror for the reason
that he is so intensely aware of his fear of missing the priceless
lessons of the present. The terror of the apparition of an "other",
which is not the present, makes mad the guilty, and appalls the free;
Strether who has travelled from guilt to freedom must preserve his
redeeming self-awareness from being paralysed by the past which is a
burden, or by the future which is a care. Self analysis - a characte-
ristic of all the late Jamesian protagonists - leads to self-knowledge,
thereby enabling Strether to get over his Woollett habit of "consider-
ing something else" at the cost of the present moment.

For Mrs. Newsome, the "executive woman/' time is measurable
tn terms of the results achieved in the projects undertaken by her.
Human beings, like clocks, are made to order, and ordered to tick with
the mechanical power supplied by her. She has blue-printed the lives
of Strether and Chad with the expert eye of a perfect timer. Strether
is not so much sent, as ordered to bring Chad back in time to b«
initiated into the world of business. Any delay on the part of Strether
would mean so much of time lost in terms of the business prospects
ruined for Chad Newsome. Strether tells Gostrey, "He (Chad) can
come into business now - he can't come later."[7] In fact, Strether's
futut* is linked up with his successful accomplishment of the task
within the specified time. The hand (Mrs. Newsome) that wound up
the "rlock supervises and directs the ticking (Strether's plan of action)
from Woollett through a dismally punctual correspondence. But once
the clock (Strether) touches Europe, it acquires a different idea of its
inner working, and therefore a different sense of time. The old clock
of Woollett (middle aged Strether) is thus born anew in Europe and
feels young once again. It now ticks to a different rhythm of time,
and thus severs its connections completely with its previous maker.
This rebirth of the clock results in an assertion of its freedom from
Woollett. Mrs. Newsome concludes that Strether is no good and

promptly stops her correspondence, and sends Sarah, Jim and Mamie
to Paris for the purpose of enticing Chad into the business world. To
Mrs. Newsome, time is business, time is money, but to Strether time
has a different identity and significance; to him it is the business of
life, it is the wealth of perception. His consciousness, which vibrates
-and responds to every whirr of time, regards time as a source of per-
ception, of knowledge and growth. By understanding time and merging
his consciousness in It, Strether transcends it, transcends New Eno.-
famtf, *nd transcmwfs even Paris,